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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SU
SUBJDAT: GOS REQUEST FOR F-5 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 301098

1. REFTEL CROSSED KHARTOUM 3631 REPORTING KHALID'S OFFICIAL LETTER (WHICH WAS HANDCARRIED TO AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY BY RESPONSIBLE MEMBER PRESIDENCY STAFF). BELIEVED WE THEREFORE FACED WITH FORMAL REQUEST EVEN THOUGH DETAILS LACKING AND FONOFF CHANNEL NOT USED.

2. RESULTANT TACTICAL OPTIONS FOR US ARE DIFFICULT IF, AS WE INCLINED ASSUME FROM REFTEL, WASHINGTON DISPOSITION RE THIS REQUEST IS NEGATIVE. WHILE EMBASSY MAKING NO SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATION IN PRESENT MESSAGE, WE DO FEEL PRESENT CORDIAL STATE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD MAKE IT HARD JUSTIFY TO SUDANESE ANY EARLY REJECTION OUT OF HAND OF GOS REQUEST. MOREOVER SUCH SUMMARY ACTION COULD WELL GIVE US PROBLEM VIS-A-VIS SAUDIS (WHOM WE ASSUME UNDERWRITING TRANSACTION) WHILE AT SAME TIME CAUSING GOS TO WONDER WHY WE PREPARED SELL AIRCRAFT TO NEIGHBORING KENYA WHICH WE NOT PREPARED SELL TO SUDAN. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, PERHAPS BEST TACTICAL COURSE MAY BE FOR US TO RESPOND AFTER DUE DELIBERATION BY REQUESTING ADDITIONAL DETAILS, NOTING AT SAME TIME THAT FINAL DECISION WILL NO DOUBT REST WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION FOR WHICH WE CLEARLY CANNOT SPEAK. THIS TACTIC WOULD AVOID OUTRIGHT TURNDOWN WHILE SEEKING MAKE CLEAR THAT NO EARLY FAVORABLE ACTION CAN BE PRE-DICTED.

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3. EMBASSY'S OWN VIEWS RE MOST HELPFUL USG SUBSTANTIVE DECISION

ON SUDANESE REQUEST BEING SUBMITTED SEPARATELY. BREWER

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